CENTRAL OHIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Box 1561, Dublin, OH 43017

April 2025

When: 7 p.m., April 16

Where: Oakstone Academy
900 Club Dr., Westerville

Presenter: Garlene Smithson

Topic: Gas game tokens

April meeting

What kind of car did you drive or ride in during the 1960's? Where did your family fill up the tank? Do you remember?

During the middle to late '60's, we filled our auto gas tank with 31-cents-a-gallon gas. And it didn't matter which service station we frequented. Amoco, Standard Oil, Shell, Sunoco ... they were all about the same price. A smiling, uniformed attendant pumped the gas for you, cleaned your windows and changed your oil, if you needed it.

Every service station wanted to claim the major portion of the market. Then as now, competition was fierce. Two of the major companies decided to try some techniques to draw in more customers and keep them coming back with a simple collect-and-go game. Drive in, get a fill-up and get a "coin" and game card!

Win a car, money or a full set of bronze coins featuring the presidents on a heavy cardboard display, and learn something about the presidents and your country!

March meeting

George Bodurov, VII presentation was titled: Coins of Bulgaria. George, who was born in Sofia, Bulgaria, gave a brief but very thorough presentation about Bulgaria and its currency.

He spoke of the history, geography, and political status of his native country, and discussed its main currency, the Lev (which he said may soon be replaced by the Euro). George also described his quest to collect the coins of Bulgaria, especially the 5 Lev. - ***Chris***

March winners

Door Prizes: Chad Meyer (2025 Canada 50 cent), Gerry Tebben (1969 Royal Canadian Mint set), Spence Sunderland (2019-W U.S. cent NGC MS69RD... first "W" uncirculated cent), John Barsamian (QE II banknote starter set), & Dale Loney (blank U.S. cent zinc T2 2.5g 19.05mm).

50/50: Sandy Johnson's name was drawn for the 50:50 prize but was not present. The total of $27 (total $124/$62 split) rolls over to the next meeting.

Raffle: The winner of the 1948-S U.S. cent graded MS66 RB by NGC was Lexa Petty.

April Raffle

April's raffle item is an ANACS MS-69 2016-P Silver Eagle..

Tickets are: $1 each; 6 for $5; 13 for $10. - ***Gary***

Club auction

Send May lots to Steve Barnett - sbarnet5@columbus.rr.com - by May 5. .

In memoriam

Geoffrey R. Gruendl dies at 79

CONA Board Member Geoffrey R. Gruendl, who suffered a stroke in March, died at 2 p.m. April 1. He was 79.

Dan Carroll visited with him several times during his last few weeks. Here are his thoughts:

Geoff enjoyed people. He loved collecting coins from the world dated, 1946. Along with four other members he competed with who also collected their birth year, 1946.

Always friendly, the race was on.

Geoff also collected odd and unusual coins, tokens and exonumia. He was one plate short of a type set of Swedish plate money, there are four copper slabs to complete the set.

He had three and a duplicate trading piece. Can't slab those.

He loved to present his treasures (the Swedish plate money is treasure salvaged from the sea,) to others. He gave many talks over the years on a variety of subjects. My credit union contact had a piece of Burmese bullet money. I had never seen one. I took it to the next meeting, when I approached Geoff and asked about it. I barely got a few words out and Geoff said "bullet money." Mystery solved. That was Geoff he'd share all the information he could if you asked him.

Geoff was able to connect our club and Daryll, a connection that led to our new meeting place. Geoff had been checking out the old Westerville Athletic Club when the new owner offered to host community meetings free.

Geoff was born and raised in Lancaster Ohio; his mother was one of nine siblings. There are 50-plus first cousins in or from Lancaster. Geoff's children, Chris lives in Pittsburg, PA, and Michelle in Duram ,NC. and several grandchildren.

Geoff was a quiet part of our club, I for one do miss him.

Geoff's family will plan a memorial gathering in Lancaster sometime this summer, we are all invited.

Secretary's report

President Stephen Petty called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. .

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS REPORT (Alexandra Petty): Lexa's initial count was 36 members in attendance with two guests - Robert Meyer and Josie Penn, but she later revised that figure to 39 members present.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Jim Huffman): Jim advised the starting bank balance as of 02/01/25 was $11,718.08. There were no deposits, and after issuing checks of $24 to Oakstone (cookies) and $1,310 to John Barsamian (ANA Summer Seminar), the ending bank balance as of 2/28/25 was $10,384.08. Petty cash started with a balance of $547.77. The February split-the-pot & the February club auction brought in increases of $54 & $41.10 respectively, bringing the amount up to $642.87. Payments of $30 to Roger Serrot for door prizes & $41.71 to Chris Palmer for engraving left the ending petty cash balance amount of $571.16. Jim then had Chris Palmer explain the recent rise in engraving costs which have increased as our original engraver has retired. Also, Jim advised the Business Premier Plus account balance rose from $40,398.31 to $40,495.58. Following presentations of the first and second reports, motions to approve Jim's reports were made, seconded, & his report approved by voice votes of all attendees

.PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Stephen Petty): Stephen announced that elections would be held in April for 3 BOD positions, and he opened the floor for nominations. Nominations were received for Bruce Smith, Gerry Tebben, Jim Belt, George Bodurov VII, and Kerry Sherrill. Initially, Steve Rayburn's name was submitted, but he is unable to run due to term limitations. We will elect four board members this year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- OSCS (Patty Cass): Patty provided an update on the dealers that still needed to sign-up. She also noted that Dave Consolo would not be setting up at our show as he is staying local these days and that that Larry Briggs' status is still in question given health issues. Patty also inquired if the club would want to do a book auction again this year and if there would be anyone willing to man the table. It would be located in the same area (i.e., Post Room) as last year.

- Membership (Garlene Smithson): Garlene stated 65 members had renewed but that there were approximately 20 others that had not renewed and needed to be contacted. Garlene and Stephen Petty will contact these outstanding members
- The meeting was adjourned @9:26 PM -- ***Chris Palmer***

Show & Tell

John Roberts had a genuine Utah "wildcat" banknote (Drovers Bank doesn't exist);

Dan Carroll brought in a 1788 Barbados penny (which is regarded more as a token);

Kathy Hall brought in a battered Women in History quarter that he wondered if it was an error

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m. -- ***Chris Palmer***

Hilltop auction

When: April 22, (5:30 p.m. lot viewing)

Where: Grove City Coin, 2655 Columbus St.

Upcoming coin shows

Columbus Coin & Stamp Show
No April show - Easter

Parkersburg Coin Club Show
April 12, 2025 Sat 10 - 3
Knights of Columbus Hall
312 Franklin St.
Marietta, OH 45750

Springfield. Clark County Coin Club
April 13 2025 10 - 3
Windy Knolls Golf Course
500 Roscommon Dr.
Springfield, OH 45503

Wayne County Coin Club 71st Annual Show
April 26 2025 9 - 3
Ida Sue School Gymnasium
266 Oldman Rd.
Wooster, OH 44691

Greenhills Classic Stamp & Coin Show
April 27, 2025 10 am – 4 pm
4th Sunday Every Month.
American Legion Post 530
11100 Winton Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45218

Stark County Coin Show
May 3, 2025 9 - 3
St. Joan of Arc Elementary School,
120 Bordner Ave. SW,
Canton, OH 44710

66th Shelby County Coin Club Coin Show
May 18 2025 10 -3
American Legion Post 217
1265 Fourth Ave
Sidney, OH 45365 -***Compiled by Dan Carroll***

A return of the Large Cent

The Shelby County Coin Club thinks it's a good idea. This is a draft of a letter they're preparing to send to government officials.

Dear Director:

We, the below signed members of the Shelby County Coin Club in Sidney, Ohio, petition that the U.S. Mint replace the Lincoln small cent with a collector focused, commemorative large cent.

The President of the United States, Donald J. Trump, has directed that production of the cent be halted.

Many citizens, despite the cost of cent production, remain nostalgically and fondly enamored by the penny.

Collectors worldwide still prize the cent in their collections.

Historians and artists are intrigued by coin issues, subjects, and designs.

Posterity demands a physical and permanent history of a nation's heroes, symbols, and other themes which define that nation. Coinage is the most enduring medium for that purpose.

The collective numismatic interests by these groups can be satisfied by the Mint's revisitation of past cents for reissue, not for general circulation, but for inclusion in Proof, Mint, and Limited sets only. These could be sold at a premium to cover minting costs that exceed the face value of the coin.

There are many early U.S. large cent coins that are exceedingly rare and unlikely to be purchasable by the average collector. The Mint, with the modernizing artistic touches of the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, could satisfy these numismatists and issue updated versions (or original designs if so determined) for sale in these sets.

The members of the SCCC thereby petition that the U.S. Mint issue a large cent design for exclusive inclusion in various collector sets at the time the current Lincoln small cent design officially ceases production.